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EXHIBIT #VII.A.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education
FROM: Rachelle Tome, Acting Commissioner*
DATE: December 10, 2014
SUBJECT: Major Capital School Construction Program: Site Approval Consideration;
RSU 19, for a new school in Newport, ME

STATEMENT OF FACT

Superintendent Gregory Potter requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Newport for a new school to address the district's long term school facility needs. RSU 19 has two schools on the Approved Projects List. The school system is working closely with the communities in the district and the Department to determine how to consolidate and best organize their facilities for the future.

The proposed site for a new facility is approximately 68 acres, is presently owned by RSU 19, and is part of a 195± acre large campus setting. The site is across the street from Nokomis High School and adjacent to Seabasticook Middle School and the district bus garage. The site is large and flexible enough to accommodate a high school, middle school, or elementary school whichever is determined to be the best fit for the district. The completed Site Application is on file with the Department of Education and all the appropriate state agencies have been involved. It is recommended that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU19 for the site in Newport as described above.

Project Information:

Project: #3 Newport Elementary School and #6 Nokomis High School
Superintendent: Gregory Potter
Site Engineer: Oak Point Associates
Total Number of Acres: Approximately 68
Total Purchase Cost: \$0.00

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Acting Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU 19 for the future construction of a new school.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

At its meeting on December 1, 2014 the Construction Committee voted to recommend that RSU 19's request for Site Approval move forward to the State Board of Education for consideration at its December 10, 2014 meeting.

*Prepared by the Division of School Facilities